HUNS FOUR TIMES REPULSED EAST OULCHY-LE-CHATEAU

AMERICANS HOLD SERENGES RESULT COUNTER-ATTACK

DEFEATED HUNS

tion, Crushing Crack Prussian Guards.

RAINBOW TROOPS NAMED HUN GRADUALLY GIVES WAY

Participating East Fereen-Tardenois.

Washington, July 31.—The sole ob-ect of the allies and the Germans in the Soissons-Rheims salient now is to kill as many men as possible, Gen. March, chief of staff, said today at his

Gen. March pointed out that the salient has been greatly flattened, thus virtually dissipating any hopes of the allies bagging large numbers of the enemy. The German withdrawal since last Saturday, he added, has reduced the length of the line another ten miles to fifty-four miles. The maximum German retreat, in the center, is fourteen hiles.

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Both high explosives and gas shells were sprayed by the Germans over a wide area.

The air forces on both sides were

Arrival of the forty-second (Rain-bow) division, and its participation in the fighting east of Fere-en-Tardenois, was announced. The third regular division also was identified as in action at Sergy and Cierges, where the crack German guard divisions have been defeated in hard fighting by American troops.

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New Divisions Formed
Gen. March announced the formation in the United States of six more divisions, numbered from fifteen to tewnty, and to be located at Camps Logan, Texas; Kearney, Cal., Beauregard, La., Travis, Texas; Dodge, lowa; and Sevier, S. C. As in the case of the six divisions announced last week, these will be built around two regular infantry regiments in each case.

Gen. March announced also the conversion of fifteen national army cavalry regiments, numbered from 301 to 315, into field artillery. These will comprise part of the artillery units for the new divisions.

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Gen. March had nothing to reveal as to the extent of the casualties sustained by the American forces in the recent fighting. He gaid, however, that Gen. Pershing had been ordered to cable the casualties as received and that these would be given out here at once. He added that there would be no distribution of casualties over a long period hereafter.

Abandon Initials.

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The chief of staff said that in carrying out the new policy of "one army" the war department intends to put the letters, "U. S.," heretofore reserved for the regular on the collar of every man serving in the military forces of the United States. The sub-designations of "N. G." for national guard, and "N. A." for national army will be abandoned.

In the same connection, Gen. March an the same connection, then started and the thirty-six brigadiers necessary for the new divisions will be selected from all elements of the serv-

This statement was taken to mean that both national guard and national army officers hereafter will be eligible

army officers hereafter will be eligible for promotion to the rank of general officers even in regular army divisions. In response to a guestion Gen. March said that where a division commander was selected to be a temporary corps commander the command of his division passes to the senior brigadier.

FRENCH "EYES" REPORT FIRES BACK HUN LINES

Indications of Further Retirement-Many Brisk but Vain Reactions.

Paris, July 31.—(Havas agency)—
French aerial observers, says the Matin, report that there are signs behind the present German battle front of preparations for a continuation of the retirement northward. The enemy is destroying much material and big fires have been seen. The newspapers generally point out that the fighting Tuesday was marked by brisk but vain enemy reactions. They believe that the German line of resistance has been reached, although the allies were able to make additional gains.

Several military experts do not believe that the Germans have yet reached the end of their retiring movement. The Echo de Paris says the Germans have thrown five reserve distance.

mans have thrown five reserve divisions into the fighting proving the importance the German command places on maintaining its present position which is equally good for offense

WAR DEPARTMENT ORDERS INVESTIGATION PRICES

Spartanburg, S. C., July 31.—Acting under orders from the war department, army officers from Camp Wadsworth are to make an investigation of the charge that soldiers have been discriminated against in the matter of prices in the city of Spartanburg. Col. J. F. Gohn, chief of staff, declares that he does not think there have been many abuses of

THIRD REGULARS YANKEE SCHEME **CATCHES ENEMY**

U. S. Division Identified in Ac- Entire German Force Enveloped in Town of Serenges by Americans.

In Report by Gen March as No Concentrated Attack by Either Side, but Hard Fighting in Progress.

(Associated Press.) With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 31-(Noon) .-Efforts made by the Germans to ad-March, chief of staff, said today at his semi-weekly conference with newspaper correspondents. Whatever objective either side had at the beginning noon were fruitless. The Americans, the general said, has been submerged for their part, were content to hold for their part, were content to hold the resistions along their slightly adtheir positions along their slightly ad-

wide area.

The air forces on both sides were busy this morning. One of the American observers was attacked by eight enemy machines, but escaped and returned to his base.

either the French or the Americans.

The German crown prince has a number of good reasons for holding up his retirement to the Vesle. First, he may desire to prevent the French from using the Soissons-LaFerte-Milion railway, accord, he may be so the soissons to the sois

may desire to prevent the French from using the Soissons-LaFerte-Milion railway; second, he may want to keep the main Paris-Nancy railroad, which parallels the Marne, within range of his heavies, and third, he may want to remove his material without too much damage to the Vesle line.

Furthermore, the Germans would be

Furthermore, the Germans would be unable to use the Rheims-Solssons road if they retired to the Vesle. Also they would have their backs against the Aisne, which would not simplify the means of communication in the rear.

NEW YORK PAPERS ALL FORCED TO RAISE PRICES

High Cost of Paper and New Zone Mailing System Responsible.

In accordance with the present demand all daily and Sunday papers published in New York city have again raised their prices. Every daily published there, including such papers as the Tribune. World, Sun, and Herald, is now being sold for six cents, with the exception of the Times, Telegraph, and Wall Street Journal, which are selling for seven cents, All Sun, are selling for seven cents. All Sun-day papers have increased their prices to twelve cents. The new zone mailing system introduced by congress, to-gether with the increased cost of pa-per is responsible for the advance.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN ASSAULT REPULSED

Italians Capture Machine Guns, Flame Throwers and Prisoners in Counter-Attack.

Rome, July 31.—An Austro-Hunga-rian attack was delivered in force against the Italians in the Corone sec-tor on Monday night, but was repulsed

by an Italian counter assault, the war office announced today. The Italians captured machine guns, flame throwers and some prisoners.

SOLDIER'S WIFE FATALLY SHOT BY HER FRIEND

Nashville, July 31.—Mrs. George Hodge, 22, whose husband is a volun-teer in the navy, died early this morn-

AMERICAN ARTILLERY AT THE FRONT



This is one of the first photographs to arrive in America showing American heavy artillery on the western front. These guns probably are now in action bombarding the Huns in the Rheims Soissons

AMERICANS GIVE PLOTTED DEATH HUNS COLD STEEL

Hand-to-Hand Encounter for Field Marshall Eichorn and Ad-Possession of Heights North of Ourcq River.

BOCHES ARE SURPRISED

Germans Cleared Out of Village of Seringes-et-Nesle and Hill No. 184.

(International News Service.)

During the night the Americans had

penetrated the village from the west, taking the boches completely by surprise. In the meanwhile the Germans were keeping the slopes to the south under heavy machine gun fire, where the Americans had made a demonstra-

After sharp bayonet fighting the Germans were thrown back to the outattack which hurled the boches

defenders from the village was led by a certain captain from Ohio. A thick nest of German machine gun nests in the small wood known as Bois

a desperate struggle.

To the southeast of Sergy, the Germans continue to contest every inch of ground, counter-attacking with great

German artillery of heavier calibre German artillery of heavier calibre has been shelling the areas in our rea, indicating that the enemy has concentrated considerable artillery on the plateau northeast of Fere-en-Tarden-nois in an effort to impede our advance toward the Fismes line.

Despite this fire it was possible, with comparative safety to reach several commanding points south of the Ource river from which to observe our ad-

river from which to observe our adlerman barrage was dotting our line

with shell fire. From one of these points of vantage observers watched an American lieu-tenant leading an attack towards Nesle. He cleverly outmaneuvered the boches, who believed that the Amerboches, who believed that the Americans would climb the slope through the ravine. They laid down their barrage accordingly. Then the lieutenant simply shifted his men to the left of the ravine, thus avoiding the shell torrent. When German air observers had reported this back to the batteries the barrage was moved westward. There-upon the lieutenant quickly moved his line of advance back to the old post-tion and sent the men rushing up the city of Spartanburg. Col. J. F. Gohn. the first in the navy, died early this morn-tiple of staff, declares that he does not think there have been many abuses of this kind in Spartanburg, although he hands of Miss Ricks, a friend, was accidentally discharged.

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OF HUN OFFICERS

jutant Wounded by Bomb. Driving in Kiev.

Amsterdam, July 41.—Field Marshal Von Eichhorn, the German continuander in the Ukraine, and his adjutant were seriously wounded by a bomb in Kiev Tuesday, says an official announce-ment received here from the Ukrainian capital.

capital.

The bomb was thrown at the men while they were driving to their head-quarters from the Casino. The field marshal's adjutant is named Capt. Von

(International News Service.)

With the American Army at the Aisne, July 30 (10 p. m.).—Americans gave the Germans the cold steel in a series of violent hand to hand encounters for possession of the heights north of the Ource river, which raged all day, and were still going on tonight.

The Americans continued to thrust northward despite the fact that the bookes had rushed fresh troops into action in motor trucks and laid down a heavy barrage against our advanced elements.

Our progress was not quite so rapid nos it had been on Sunday. At daybreak we had cleared the Germans entirely from Seringes-et-Neale and hill number 184, immediately northeast of Fereen-Tardenois.

A later message from Kiev announces that Field Marshal Von Elch horn and Capt. Von Dressier died last night. It has been established, the the correct the correct that the bookes bad rushed fresh troops into action in motor trucks and laid down a heavy barrage against our advanced elements.

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rainian territory.

Came to Kill Officer. The assassin of Field Marshal Eichhorn was a lad of 23. He declared at the inquiry held after the crime, the advices state, that he came from the province of Ryazan, adjacent to Mos-

reached Klev yesterday.

Heavy Cloud Gathers.

Telegraphing from Klev, (date not given) the Hamburg Fremdenblat's correspondent in the Ukraine says: A thick nest of German machine gun nests in the small wood known as Bois de Brule (south of Seringes) held up the advance of our right flank. The officers saw that the position could not be taken except at considerable loss so the artillery was signalled. The gunners responded magnificently.

After forty minutes of violent shelling the infantry rushed forward.

The men found that the machine gun emplacements had been blown to bits.

Then other elements to the right of this attack cleaned up enemy machine gunners at Meusy farm, immediately to the south, which we had penetrated during the night.

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during the night.

North of Sergy where American farmer boys administe ed such a stiff drubbing to a crack Prussian guard division in Suday and Monday's fighting, we made further progress.
East of this village the Americans stormed and captured hill number 212, commanding the approaches to Sergy from the north.

marshal as follows, says a Berlin dispatch:

"My dear field marshal and general: I have learned with indignation and deep regret of the abominable crime committed against you and your adjutant. Be assured of my sincere and hearty sympathy. I hope and pray to God that you may be granted a speedy recovery. May He preserve you to us from the north.

With our machine guns playing steadily across this road, the Germans did not attempt to recapture the village which has been the scene of such a desperate struggle.

FRENCH ARMY MISSION TO TRAIN GUATEMALANS

Guatemala City, July 31.—The French military mission sent to this up delivery of emergency fleet and contry to assist in the training of the Guatemalan army, has arrived.

Guatemalan army, has arrived.

Guatemala has an army of about 85, 000 men and when that country joined the ranks of the entente allies in April the event was looked upon as one that would give important aid in the struggle against Germany.

FAIR, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM



arid. But if you don't believe this one who is married; My trou-bles are not those, dear friends, I haven't

MAY TAKE OVER PINE INDUSTRY

Wooden Ship Building Program Being Seriously Hampered, Say Officials.

NEEDLESS DELAY CHARGED

Kirby's Services Are Dispensed With-Southern Timber Situation to Be Improved.

Lie for the same reason.

Coincident with these developments today was the statement made at the shipping board that John H. Kirby, of Houston, Tex., whose resignation was announced last night in New Orleans, is no longer lumber administrator of the emergency fleet corporation. He was appointed to the office last month to take charge of production and storage of lumber and logging operations.

Control Yellow Pine.

Mr. Kirby, before being appointed,

Decision to dispense with Decision to dispense with Mr. Kirby's services, it was said by shipping board officials, was made by Director-General Schwab and Vice-President Piez. A letter was written to Mr. Kirby saying it had been determined to consolidate his office with another, "and that his services were, Marshal Von Eichhorn and before be- therefore no longer required," it was

Maximum prices for yellow pine umber were approved by President Wilson June 22, after a series of con-Wilson June 22, after a series of con-ferences with the industry in the south. Since then difficulties have constantly arisen as to interpretation of discounts and territory to be cov-ered by the Southern Pine association. Dissatisfaction Known.

meetings between the war industries board and "some of the representatives of the Southern Pine association." Another factor in the cituation, officials said today, was dissatisfaction of some elements of the industry with the maximum prices fixed by the governmaximum prices fixed by the govern-ment and disinclination to co-operate

commandeer yellow pine timber and lumber mills of the south, it was stated today, would be carried out, unless there was an improvement in the

"Books and periodicals can be sent to "Books and periodicals can be sent to the American prisoners of war in Ger-many only when they are ordered through the publishers and are dispatched from the office of the same."

Old books form a convenient method of

Old books form a convenient method of secret communication, and require extraordinary scrutiny on the part of the censorship forces. It is felt that the above will be understood and appreciated by the relatives and friends of the prisonal large since cording to the Echo de Paris. The constitution will be brought forward in

GERMAN ATTACK PRECEDED BY HEAVY BOMBARDMENT

New Franco-American Positions Are Maintained Intact Against All Blows - Village of Serenges-et-Nesle, After Changing Hands, Finally Held by Allies.

Paris, July 31.—American troops maintain their positions in the region of Scringes-et-Nesle, which they carried after violent fighting, according to an official statement from the war office today.

The Germans made four attacks against the new French positions east of Oulchy-le-Chateau. They were repulsed and the French line was held intact.

The French and the Germans carried out raids at a number of other points in the sectors east and west of the Marne salient, but there was no change in the general situation at these points.

On the right bank of the Ource there were lively combats northeast of Fere-en-Tardenois. The village of Serenges-et-Nesle, passed from hand to hand but was finally taken by American troops in a counter-attack. A number of raids were made by the Germans near Mesnil-St. Georges, west of Montdidier; in the La Pretre wood, on the right bank of the Meuse, and in the Vosges. They were without result. Our troops made successful incursion into the German lines northeast of Perthes-les-Hurlus, (in Champagne) and brought back prisoners. The night was quiet on the remainder of the front." On the right bank of the Ource

Combate On Ourcq River.

The statement reads:

After a heavy bombardment the Germans attacked the new Franco-American positions in the district east of Oulchy-le-Chateau our troops repulsed four enemy assaults and maintained their lines intact.

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On the right bank of the Ource river there were violent combats northeast of Fere-en-Tardenois.

The village of Screnges changed hands a number of time, but was finally taken and held by the Americans in a counter-attack. Numerous German raids, all of which

American forces are on the line in the sector of Le Pretre forest and in the Vosges. Paris, July 31 .- After a violent bom-

MAY BE DEFEATED. BY POLITICAL TRICKS

Representative Randall Says This Only Means Left to Anti-Prohibitionists.

bitionists were drawing in their lines today to compel the enactment of war-time prohibition at the present ses-

Mr. Kirby, before being appointed, undertook for the government a survey of timber lands in the south, where he has large interests, virtually controlling, with two other operators, the yellow pine industry. He is also a prominent member of the Southern Pine association.

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drys will seek to have this limitation cancelled by court action. The constitution says that an amendment shall become effective as soon as ratified. The drys contend that the year of grace provision is not a part of the amendment, but a limitation placed upon it by congress. Therefore, they say, that part of the amendment is unconstitutional and should be nullified by the supreme

The drys will attempt court action, although such a step would seem to endanger the entire amendment. They said they could not believe the su-preme court would throw out an amendment that had been ratified by thirty-six states and therefore would willing to take the risk.

NEARLY HALF-MILLION SAVED IN POTATOES AND ONIONS

Washington, July 31 .- The war departent authorizes the following:
"The subsistence division of the quartermaster corps recently completed pur chases of potatoes and onions for August requirements at the various camps and cantonments. The total amount of both commodities purchased equaled 27,527,500 pounds, which is by far the largest amount handled by the potato and onion

section since the central purchasing sys-Washington, July 31.—The following ruling is authorized by the military censorship:

The total purchase value. The total purchase value is the total purchase value. The total purchase value is value is value. The total purchase value is value is value is value is value is value is value. The total purchase value is va seven months, from February to Au inclusive, now approximates \$400,000

FRENCH PREMIER TO PUT QUESTION CONFIDENCE

GOING DOWN? Interest of the prisoners and of their friends at large, since question will be brought forward in the decision of the bill relative to the description of the partment in thus caring for the interests of the census and the call to the colors and continued cool tonight; Thursday fair and warmer the continued cool tonight; Thursday to the continued cool tonight to the continued cool tonight to the colors to the continued cool tonight

Numerous German raids, all of which were without result, were attempted near Mesnil St. Georges, east of Montdidier, in Le Pretre forest and on the right bank of the Meuse as well as in the Vosges mountains. The French carried out successful raiding incursions into the enemy lines in the sector northeast of Perthed-les-Hurlus. Some prisoners were captured.

FORMER CZAR NICHOLAS WAS IN STATE COLLAPSE

Executioners Forced to Prop Him Against Post to Wreak Their Vengeance.

Amsterdam, July 31.—Given two hours in which to prepare for the end. Nicholas Romanoff, former Russian emperor, was taken out by his execu-tioners in a state of such collapse that it was necessary to prop him against a post, says the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, which claims to have received from a high Russian personage an ac-

count of the emperor's last hours Nicholas was awakened at 5 o'clock in the morning by a patrol of a non-commissioned officer and six men. He was told to dress and was taken to a room where the decision of the soviet council was communicated to him. He was informed the execution would be

carried out in two hours.

The former emperor, it is added, received the announcement with great calmness. He returned to his bedro and collapsed in a chair. After a few minutes he asked for a priest, with whom he was allowed to remain unwhom he was allowed to remain unattended. Subsequently he wrote several letters, When the escort arrived to
take him to the place of execution.
Nicholas attempted to rise from his
chair but was not able. The priest and
a soldier were obliged to help him get
to his feet. The condemned man descended the stairs with difficulty and
once he fell down.

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As he was unable to stand without support when the place of execution was reached he was propped against a post. He raked his hands and seemed to be trying to speak, but the rifles spoke and he fell dead.

RUSS MASSES AROUSED TO POINT OF UPRISING

London, July 31.-Information reach ing Stockholm, says the correspon of the Times there, shows that the shevik regime has come to the end of its tether and that the Russian masses —workmen and peasants—are about to rise in arms against bolshevik tyranny. Official representatives of the social Official representatives of the so-revolutionary and social democra parties in Russia have arrived Stockholm, says the correspondent and have issued a remarkatic appeal to the socialists of Europe. They call upon the socialists to form an intersection since the central purchasing system was inaugurated.
"Due to very favorable bids, because of more spirited competition than in previous months, authority to purchase was granted at a saving of over '4 per cent. in the total purchase value. The total saving of the potato and onlon section destroyed industry, caused universal saving of the manuration of the central starvation, despotably oppressed the starvation, despotically oppressed the people and are now concerned only in retaining power at all cost. The representatives are Rusanoff.

for the social revolutionaries, and Axelrod, for the social democrats. They represented their respective parties in Stockholm in the summer of 1917 when an abortive attempt was made to organize an inter-socialist conference

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New Orienna, July 31.—Prices sagged on the opening of the cotton market to-day, losing 139:22 points around the first call on rains in Texas. Good buying met the decline and a quick reaction occurred which lifted the most active months to a fevel 29:3 points over yesterday's close at the end of the first half-hour otrading.